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1. The Argentine Federal Police have forbidden the further publication of the Yugoslav Legation weekly paper, Jugoslovenski Iseljenicki Vjesnik (Yugoslav Immigrants' Herald). The police action came as a complete surprise to Legation personnel, [REDACTED] since they had believed that relations between the Legation and the Argentine authorities were improving.
2. The closing of the paper came as a severe blow to followers of Tito in Argentina. The paper had been published in Buenos Aires for the past six years. When Tito split with the Cominform, the Legation succeeded in gaining control of the paper even though most of the staff were allegedly pro-Cominform. Josip Ogric, in whose name the paper had been registered, sided with Tito and the Legation. Ogric, a mason by profession, is of little importance in Yugoslav affairs in Argentina and was largely a figure-head insofar as the paper was concerned.
3. The Yugoslav Legation has now begun to publish a fortnightly paper called Glasnik (Herald), as an entirely new publication. Ogric's name does not appear on the masthead, which simply states that the paper is published by an editorial committee, with no names indicated. One issue had appeared as of mid-July. [REDACTED] it was uncertain whether or not the Argentine authorities would permit its continued publication. If this publication is also banned by the Argentine government, [REDACTED] Tito propaganda efforts, as well as his prestige, among Yugoslav immigrants in Argentina will suffer a severe setback.

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